

The U.S. Secretary of Education has appointed 10 Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) to advise the U.S. Department of Education about educational needs in ten geographic regions across the United States. Each RAC will conduct an educational needs assessment and submit a report to the Secretary, who will consider the results in establishing priorities for comprehensive technical assistance centers. Identifying and prioritizing the educational needs of schools, districts and states in each region will be critical to making sure that each region has the support needed to increase student achievement.

In conducting the needs assessment we are seeking input from key stakeholders, including but not limited to : governors, chief state School officers, school and school district administrators, teachers, regional education service providers, parents, business, and researchers. The intent is to identify needs and seek input on how those needs can be met.

A website has been designed to receive public comments and input. If you wish to participate we ask that you go to: <http://www.seiservices.com/rac/> select the Mid West region and register your public comment/input. The Mid West Regional Advisory Committee prefers that you register before June 10th, 2011 so your comments may be considered during its meeting on June 14, 2011.

More information on all Regional Advisory Committee meetings and webcasts can be found at www.seiservices.com/rac/